**FOJBE PTO Meeting Friday, February 2, 2024 – 10:11 AM JBE Cafeteria**

**Call to Order:** A FOJBE PTO Meeting was held in person in Jacksonville, FL on Friday, February 2, 2024. The President, Stephanie Deverson, called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM. Quorum was established.

**Roll Call/Quorum:** The following people were in attendance: Stephanie Deverson, Meredith Ring, Audrey Sandels, Jaime Schacter, Tracy Tousey, Alford A. Michelle, Cynthia LaBuz, Dipal Lalcheta, Michelle Langevin, Jena Pugh, Amee Bailey, Gina Billeter, Alana Ellis, Carey Francesconi, Chandra Guirgis, Francie Hallahanb, Theresa Jenkins.

**Minutes Approval: January Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Meredith Ring, seconded by Cynthia LaBuz. Meeting Minutes were voted on and unanimously approved.**

**Principal Report-** Cameron Mattingly

* Thanks to Mrs. Alford, Student Life Committee, and Mrs. Peters for a very successful literacy week.
* Magnet Tour season kicks off with Saturday Showcase. Parent Volunteer tour guides still needed, especially for Thursday, February 15th. Parents are the best publicity for the school so please advertise by word of mouth. Magnet season goal is to clear gifted list completely. Students can be accepted each quarter from the waiting list, so encourage all families to apply.
* Play Day is next big school event coming up on March 14th.
* Mid-year Stakeholders SAC Meeting is next Tuesday, February 6th, 7:50am in the media center. All are encouraged to attend.
* School-based coupon book fundraiser kicks off now through February 14th. Proceeds will be added to the general JBE discretionary fund.
* New FLDOE/DCPS requirement for parental permissions for all special activities as part of the Parental Rights Act. Parents will need to provide written approval for any non-classroom, non-standard curricular activities (assemblies, field trips, clubs, etc.). JBE Staff will continue to implement these permission slips going forward and will attempt to streamline forms in the future.
* Baby Shower for Ms. Mattingly on March 8th, 4:30-5:30pm in the JBE Cafeteria. Flyer coming soon.

**Teacher Report-** Ms. Taylor

* Technology Refresh. Teachers voted for 1:1 laptops for all of 3rd-5th grade, 14 laptops/classroom for 1st-2nd grade, and 10 laptops/classroom for K. This will be covered by the DCPS laptop refresh (505 laptops), plus 48 laptops as part of the SMART TV trade-ins (10 TV’s relinquished to DCPS). The plan includes one laptop cart for media/STEM, one laptop cart for Computer Lab (off weeks available for checkout upstairs), 2 x small laptop carts (10 computers) for downstairs checkout. One spare laptop cart (PTO funded) will be retained as an extra resource as well.

**Report of the Executive Board:**

Treasurer- Kyli Shores (unable to attend)

President- Stephanie Deverson

Correspondence- Volunteers of month Mrs. Peters for Literacy Week and Meredith Ring for Talent Show!

**Financial Report:**

January Financial Reports not ready at this time and will be briefed at February PTO meeting.

**New Business:** Brief Discussion Please

Upcoming Programs Discussion:

1. Starfish Sprint – Reshan Chua. The event is coming up very soon (pep rally kick off on February 28th, Run on March 8th. Volunteers are needed. The schedule/information was shared as a handout and hard copy sign-up sheet provided for volunteers to sign up during the meeting. Sign-up Genius link will be updated and promoted widely.
2. Family Field Day – chairpersons unable to attend, but Chandra Guirgis (VP Spring Programs) briefed. The event is March 2nd (times TBA, but probably 10am-12pm) on JBE front playground. Plan is for same stations as last year with a few new additions. Mrs. Alford may create a “JBE Yard Sale” to take place simultaneously – families donate unwanted items to be resold in flea market style with proceeds benefitting the school. It was suggested to request student alumni volunteers to assist with Family Field Day set up, stations, and clean up.

**Unfinished Business:**  Brief Discussion Please

Completed Programs Report Out:

1. Literacy Week – Pam Peters. Mrs. Peters appreciated the team effort with the Student Life Committee to make the week such a success. The assemblies were enjoyed by all, especially the intermediate grade students. It was suggested to adjust assembly session times next year so K-2 is shorter and 3-5 is longer. Several other assembly ideas were discussed for future: student authors, speaker on how to write books, Florida Theater play production. Additionally, it was suggested to consider mixing in some writing activities throughout the week (trade out some of the regular “buddy reads” or “flashlight reads”). The vocabulary parade was very creative, added excitement, and appreciated by parents and teachers. The FHS drumline was a wonderful addition.
2. Talent Show – Meredith Ring (and Cynthia LaBuz who will chair next year). The Talent Show on February 1st was a great event. ~90 students tried out and the show had 25 acts. It was suggested to promote the auditions earlier next year (before holiday break) and ensure a panel of impartial judges (not affiliated with the school). Group discussed expanding the show to two nights but decided one night is better with advertising earlier and clearly stating acts will be limited to the top talents so parents are aware of the expectations.

**Year-Round Programs Report Out:** N/A

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting is Friday, March 1, 2024, 8:45 am

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**Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Jaime Shachter (on behalf of Crystal Biggs) 2/5/2024

Crystal Biggs

Recording Secretary